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In the Application of:
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For: NOVEL MURINE AND HUMAN KINASES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:


This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2004, in which the Examiner required restriction of the elected invention to the subject matter of one of the following five (5) groups of claims:

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| Group I | claims 1-4, 7-10, drawn to a polypeptide kinase, a polynucleotide, a vector, and a host cell encoding therefore, and a method of expression thereof |
| Group II | claims 5 and 6, drawn to an antibody to a polypeptide kinase |
| Group III | claim 11, drawn to a method for designing an inhibitor of a polypeptide kinase |
| Group IV | claims 12-15, drawn to a method for testing a compound for modulation of a polypeptide kinase |
| Group V | claims 16-20, drawn to a method for inhibiting a polypeptide kinase by blocking binding of the kinase to a substrate |

Applicants elect the claims of **Group I**, without traverse, for examination. If any issues exist which would hinder allowance of the elected claims, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative of the Applicants, to discuss resolution thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

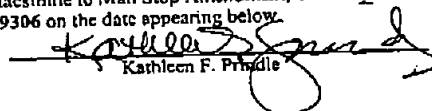
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